

# House File 679 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to school district protocols for suicide  
2 prevention, intervention, and postvention and the  
3 identification of adverse childhood experiences and  
4 strategies to mitigate toxic stress response.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 33, paragraph b, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Adopt rules to require school districts to adopt  
4 protocols for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention  
5 and the identification of adverse childhood experiences and  
6 strategies to mitigate toxic stress response. The protocols  
7 shall be based on nationally recognized best practices and  
8 shall specifically address the needs of students who are at  
9 higher risk for suicide than the general student population.  
10 The rules shall require that school districts review and, if  
11 necessary, update the protocols at least every five years.

12 Sec. 2. Section 279.70, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 2. By July 1, ~~2019~~ 2022, the board of directors of a school  
15 district shall require annual, evidence-based training at  
16 least one hour in length on suicide prevention, intervention,  
17 and postvention for all school personnel who hold a license,  
18 certificate, authorization, or statement of recognition issued  
19 by the board of educational examiners and who have regular  
20 contact with students in kindergarten through grade twelve.  
21 The content of the training shall be based on nationally  
22 recognized best practices.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill provides that protocols for suicide prevention  
27 and postvention and the identification of adverse childhood  
28 experiences and strategies to mitigate toxic stress response  
29 adopted by school districts shall specifically address the  
30 needs of students who are at higher risk for suicide than  
31 the general student population. The bill provides that such  
32 protocols must also include suicide intervention.

33 The bill requires that school districts review and, if  
34 necessary, update the protocols at least every five years.